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ACTION PACK!
BEN 10
SAMURAI JACK
MEGAS XLR
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LITTLEVILLE, USA--
GRANDPA? YOU THINK IT'S US?
WHAT?
WELL, LOOK. OUR VAN BREAKS DOWN IN THIS TINY TOWN--
--MILES FROM ANYWHERE--
THE HARBOR CLUB
FINE DINING
--AND BEN STILL WINDS UP FIGHTING A SUPER-VILLAIN!
ZZZTAY BACK, CREATURE!
ZZZEEK NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE CRIMINAL DEALINGZZZ OF HY VOLTAGE!
SHYEAH, RIGHT!
BEN 10
A VILLAIN A DAY
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"HY VOLTAGE"? GOTTA WORK ON THAT NAME, DUDE!
THEY CALL ME RIPJAWS. WANNA KNOW WHY?
KEEP WATCHING THE FRONT END OF YOUR BOAT!
THIZZ BECOMEZZZ TIREZZZOME.
DO YOU REALIZZZE, CREATURE--
--THAT WATER CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY?
AARRGH!!
...DRAMATIC ESCAPE EARLIER TODAY!
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YEAH. BECAUSE MY DOOFUS COUSIN DOESN'T KNOW THAT WHEN YOU FIGHT SOMEBODY ELECTRIC, YOU SHOULDN'T JUMP IN THE WATER!
GIVE ME A BREAK! THERE WAS A LAKE! WHO WAS I SUPPOSED TO TURN INTO?
GEEZAMATAZZ! WHAT A MESS! IT'LL TAKE TWO OR THREE DAYS JUST TO GET THE PARTS!
THREE DAYS? IS THERE ANY WAY TO DO IT SOONER?
...IS BUT THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE RASH OF SUPER-VILLAINS WHO HAVE RECENTLY APPEARED TO TERRORIZE LITTLEVILLE.
KNIGHTMARE
AIR-WALKER
THE TOWN IS LEFT TO WONDER: WHERE DO THEY COME FROM? ARE THERE OTHERS WAITING IN THE WINGS?
GIMMICK GUY
CYCLOTRON
'COURSE, IF YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR REAL PARTS, I CAN PROBABLY COBBLE SOMETHING TOGETHER. I'M PRETTY GOOD AT TINKERING!
COME BACK IN A FEW HOURS, AND I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
HMMM...
THANKS.

LATER--
NOT A BAD LUNCH. IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I HAD A GOOD MACROBIOTIC MEAL...
YEAH, RIGHT. THE TOFU PILAF WAS A REAL TREAT.
I DON'T GET IT. WHY WOULD SO MANY SUPER-VILLAINS SHOW UP ALL AT ONCE?
YEAH, ESPECIALLY IN A NOWHERE TOWN LIKE LITTLEVILLE!
BEN! THIS IS A NICE TOWN!
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THE VILLAINS. IT MUST BE A FLUKE-- ONCE IN A LIFETIME.
KA-BOOOM
HIT THE DIRT, LOSERS!
'CAUSE URBAN GORILLA IS COMIN' THROUGH!
OKAY, MAYBE TWICE IN A LIFETIME.
I'M ON IT!
LIKE THEY SAY, "IT TAKES A SUPER-POWERED ANIMAL TO CATCH A SUPER-POWERED --"
GRRRRRAWWRR!
WILDMUTT?
WILDMUTT.

WAH-HOOO!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM, DOGFACE!
BUT I'M GONNA MAKE A MONKEY OUTTA--
CHOOM
CHOOM
CHOOM
WHA--P THAT WAS RAPID FIRE! HOW'D YOU DODGE?
GEEZAMATAZZ! WATCH IT, WILLYA?
RAWW-RRRR!
THIS SONIC GRENADE OUGHTTA HOLD YA!
PURE BARRAGE OF SOUND!
AGRROOOOOO!
HEY! WHERE'D HE GO?
A HEAVILY ARMED GORILLA WITH GRENADES?
ANYWHERE HE WANTS.

BEN! CAN WE STOP WITH THE BLINDING FLASHES OF LIGHT ALREADY?
SORRY.
MAKES SENSE. ARE YOU SURE?
THAT WAS NO GORILLA, THOUGH.
WILDMUTT'S INFRARED VISION SHOWED A GUY INSIDE THAT GORILLA SUIT--
--AND I BET I KNOW WHO!
REALLY? IT'D BE NICE TO PUT AT LEAST ONE OF THESE CROOKS OUT OF BUSINESS...
OH, I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT--
--I CAN SHUT 'EM ALL DOWN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, RICKY! YOU FIXED IT!
URRRR

--YOU'RE ALL OF THEM!
ONE SECRET IDENTITY WOULD LEAVE A TRAIL FOR THE COPS! LOTS OF SECRET IDENTITIES THREW EVERYONE OFF--
--EXCEPT YOU!
YEAH, WELL, LET'S JUST SAY--
--I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE IDEA!
THWAK
YOU KNOW, THAT WAS A NICE PIECE OF DETECTIVE WORK, BEN.
YEAH, TWERP. NICE PUNCH, TOO!
NO BIGGIE. IT WAS SOMETHING I HAD TO DO...
--THIS ONE-HORSE TOWN WASN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE TWENTY OF US!
THE END

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THE GREAT CHEESESTEAK ESCAPE
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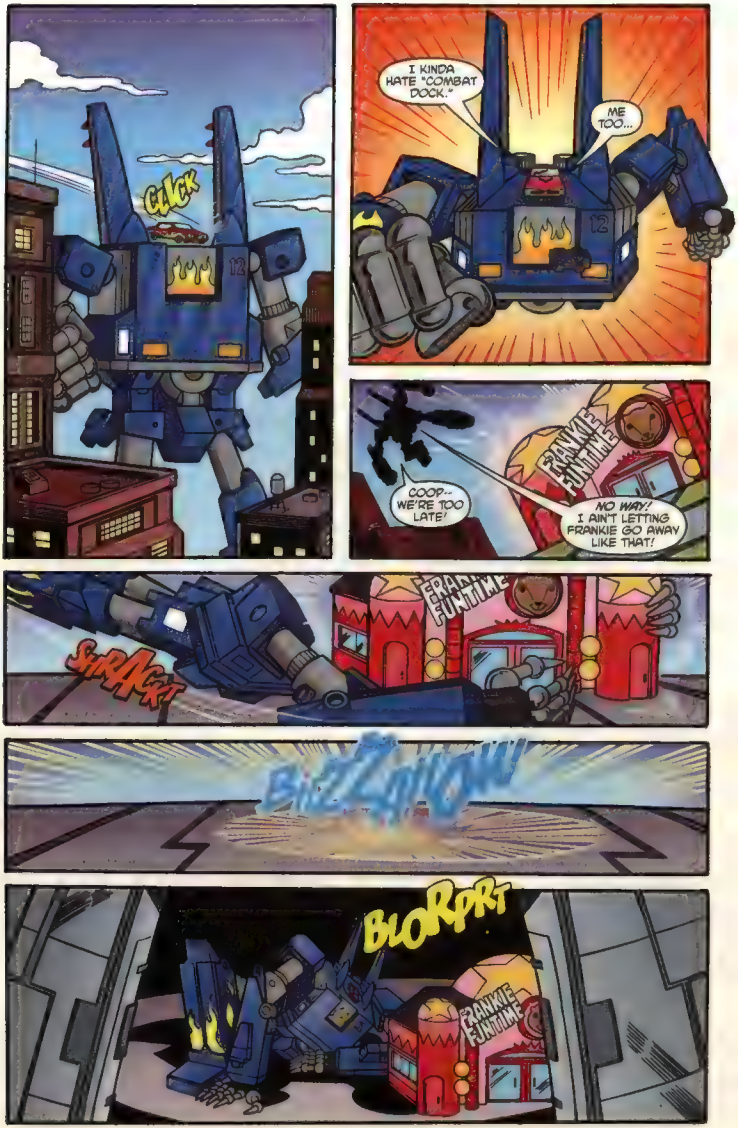
bake 'n' steak
NOW WITH BELLY-BUSTIN' CHEESESTEAK
KIYA, TODAY IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY!
RUMBLE
WHY? ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE MEGAS BACK TO ME?
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN ADVANCED ROBOT FROM THE FUTURE FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS? THINGS GET SMASHED!
UHHH... NO.
ACTUALLY WORK ON YOUR PILOTING SKILLS AND MAYBE NOT DESTROY THE CITY AGAIN?
HECK NO! SOMETHING WAY BETTER!
TODAY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE OF OUR TIME'S MOST AMAZING DELICACIES-- A GENUINE JERSEY CITY CHEESESTEAK!
BELLY BUSTER
NICE!
CAN'T YOU JUST TASTE THAT FAKE-CHEESY GOODNESS?
I THINK I'M GOING TO BE SICK...
NO, THAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU EAT IT...
SPLORCH

LADIES FIRST.
DO I HAVE TO...?
THIS IS GONNA BE SO GOOD...
BAKE'N' STEAK
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHOA!
WHAT?
BLAMMAZOWW
NOOOOO!!
...THANK GOODNESS...
THAT'S JUST MEAN!
THEY'RE SNATCHING ALL THE CHEEGESTEAK SHOPS!
OH. YEAH. THAT'S SO AWFUL. SOMEONE SHOULD DO SOMETHING...
BRZZZAHOW!
AND THAT SOMEONE IS US! AND THAT SOMETHING IS SMASH!!

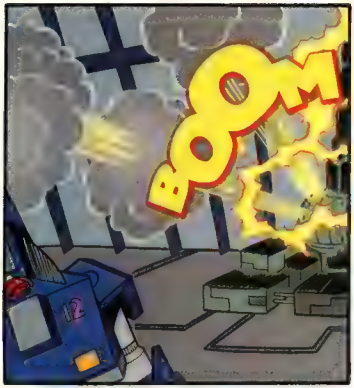
LET'S DO THIS!
THWUNK
OW... FELL ON MY KEYS...
BAM DHOW
WHO WOULD BE SNAGGING UP ALL THE CHEESESTEAK PLACES? I MEAN, BESIDES YOU, OF COURSE...
MUST BE THE GLORFT--THEY'RE GOING AFTER MY WEAKNESS.
TOO SMART FOR GLORFT. CAN'T SEEM TO GET ANY KIND OF READING ON THE ENERGY SOURCE...
I'M GOING TO NEED MORE TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING...
NO TIME FOR FIGURING! WE HAVE TO GET CROSS-TOWN!
FRANKIE FUNTIME?
YEP.
MMMMM
WHO IS FRANKIE FUNTIME AND HOW IS HE GOING TO HELP US AGAINST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY THAT SEEMS TO BE SNAPPING UP CHEESESTEAK STORES?
NOT WHO-- WHAT. FRANKIE ISN'T A GUY, IT'S A PLACE. FRANKIE FUNTIME-- IT'S A VIDEO GAME ARCADE.
AND IT SERVES CHEESESTEAKS! BET WHOEVER'S ZAPPING THE CHEESESTEAK JOINTS DOESN'T KNOW THAT!

NO TIME TO GO BACK AND PICK UP THE REST OF MEGAS, SO WE'LL HAVE TO DO A "COMBAT DOCK"!
CLINT
WAIT A MINUTE... WHAT'S A "COMBAT DOCK"?
IF I TOLD YOU, YOU WOULDN'T LET ME DO IT...
DO WHAT!?
THIS!
ROAAAR
FOOOM
WEEEE-HAAAAAWWW!
AHHHHH!
COOOOOP!


CLICK
I KINDA HATE "COMBAT DOCK."
ME TOO...
COOP-- WE'RE TOO LATE!
NO WAY! I AIN'T LETTING FRANKIE GO AWAY LIKE THAT!
FRANKIE FUNTIME
SHRACKT
BLORPRT

SO THIS IS WHERE THEY WENT
BUT WHERE IS THIS?
ALL OF THE WORLD'S FINEST CHEESESTEAK ESTABLISHMENTS IN ONE PLACE! IF I WASN'T SO ANGRY, I'D BE HUNGRY...ER...
GREETINGS, EARTH PEOPLE!
WE GREET YOU WITH OPEN ARMS AND WOULD...
CLANK
AND I GREET YOU WITH OPEN FISTS!
TECHNICALLY, THAT WOULD BE A CLOSED FIST...
WHATEVER, AS LONG AS IT HURTS!
OK, WHO'S NEXT?
AHHHHHH
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THIS VIOLENCE. IT REALLY ISN'T NECESSARY...

MAY NOT BE NECESSARY, BUT IT SURE IS FUN!
COOP, WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...
KINDA OBVIOUS, RED. THEY'RE STEALING ALL OF EARTH'S CHEESESTEAK SHOPS, AND NOW COOP HAS TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.
AND BY RIGHT, I MEAN WRONG!
RIGHT!
CHUNK
NICE FORM, COOP!
I'VE BEEN PRACTICING.
PLEASE STOP ATTACKING US! WE ONLY CAME HERE FOR YOUR EARTH DELICACY. WE MEANT NO HARM! WE JUST WANTED A CHEESESTEAK!
WAIT A MINUTE. SO YOU GUYS JUST CAME HERE FOR CHEESESTEAKS?!
HAS THE WHOLE UNIVERSE GONE MAD?
BLAST THEM ANYWAY, COOP!
CAN'T REALLY BLAME A GUY FOR WANTING A CHEESESTEAK. I MEAN, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU SPACE DUDES LIKE CHEESESTEAKS AS MUCH AS I DO. MAYBE MORE...


BOOM

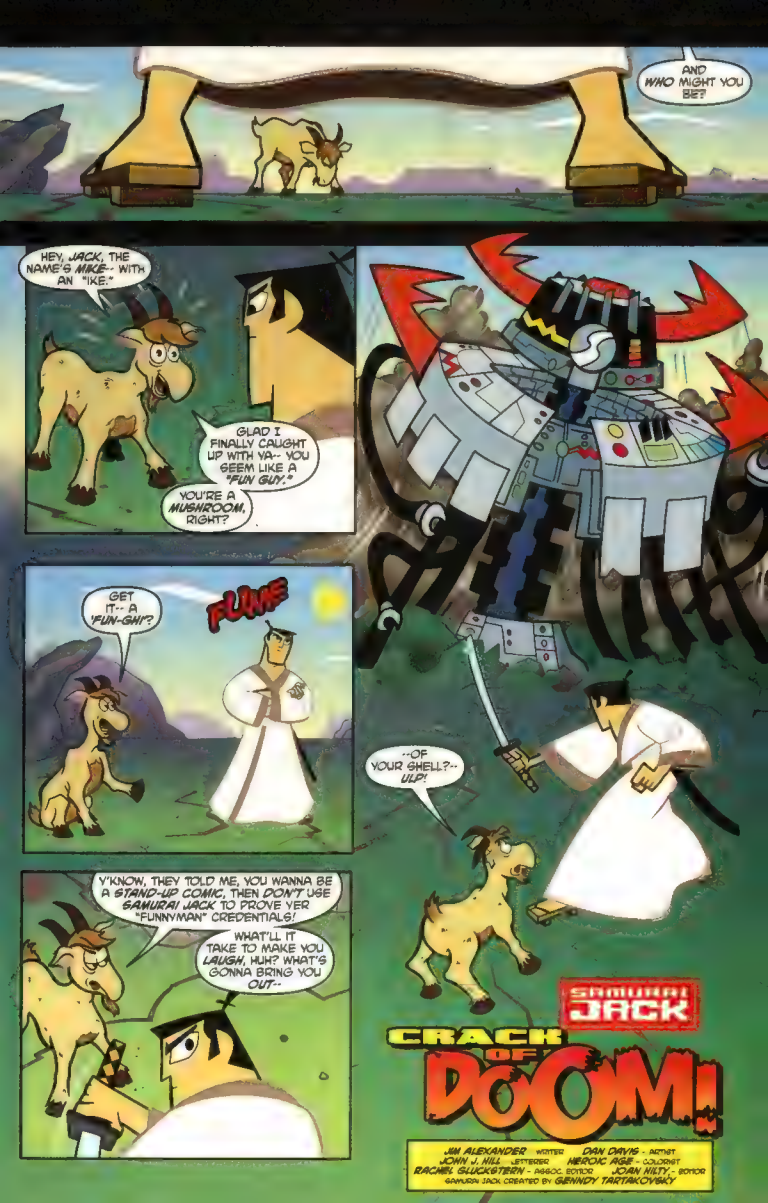
COOP, YOU RUPTURED THEIR REACTOR STABILIZER! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT ABOUT ALL THE CHEESESTEAK SHOPS?
NO TIME! LEAVE THEM!

NOOOOO!

KABOOOOOOM

WELL, THAT WASN'T SO BAD.
YOU CALL BLOWING UP A PEACEFUL ALIEN SHIP ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF CHEESESTEAK SHOPS "NOT SO BAD"?
YEAH! BESIDES, HOMEMADE IS BETTER ANYWAY...

C'MON, KIVA, YOURS IS READY!
NICE!
END


AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
HEY, JACK, THE NAME'S MIKE-- WITH AN "IKE."
GLAD I FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YA-- YOU SEEM LIKE A "FUN GUY."
YOU'RE A MUSHROOM, RIGHT?
GET IT-- A 'FUN-GHI'?
FLUME
--OF YOUR SHELL?-- ULP!
Y'KNOW, THEY TOLD ME, YOU WANNA BE A STAND-UP COMIC, THEN DON'T USE SAMURAI JACK TO PROVE YER "FUNNYMAN" CREDENTIALS!
WHAT'LL IT TAKE TO MAKE YOU LAUGH, HUH? WHAT'S GONNA BRING YOU OUT--
SAMURAI JACK
CRACK OF DOOM!
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FZZZZZ
RUMMBLE
...UH.
CHHOP
SKROOM
NUH...
FZZZZ
HEY! WHY DID THE ORANGE STOP AT THE ROAD?
OOF!
HE RAN OUT OF JUICE!
SMAK

HEY, WHAT GIVES? THAT "ORANGE AND ROAD" GAG IS A CLASSIC OF ITS KIND!
THIS JACK IS ONE FOR THE GRIM, PAINED EXPRESSIONS, SURE, BUT NOT EVEN A SNICKER...?
HOW CAN THIS BE? WHERE THE CREATURE GROWS STRONGER, I GROW WEAKER!
AHH...
FZZT
NNUGH-- IS THIS THE POINT WHERE ALL MY STRENGTH IS GONE, SUCKED DRY? MY QUEST FINALLY AT AN END?
I SAY... NO!
SLICE
THE CRACKS ON THE GROUND ARE THE SOURCE OF THE CREATURE'S POWER--
--LEECHING MY LIFE FORCE EVERY TIME I STEP ON THEM!

SO I MUST AVOID THE CRACKS--
--BEFORE DEALING--
--THE FINAL BLOW!
SWISH
TWO FISH IN A TANK. ONE SAYS TO THE OTHER, HOW DO YOU DRIVE THIS THING?
OK, WHERE'S THE UNCONTROLLABLE GIGGLES? THE SIDE-SPLITTING GUFFAWING?
I GIVE UP! I'LL NEVER CRACK THAT LEGENDARY STONY GLARE!
"CRACK" YOU SAY? HA HA!
HA HA HA HA HA
RESULT!
I REALLY "CRACK" THE GUY UP!
END

Send your letters today!

JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

Welcome to the CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK letters page. This is where you Action Packers get to network with each other! Here comes a fan now, with some good cartoon questions:

Dear Johnny DC,

I am sending you this picture that I drew of BEN 10 and all of his aliens! I also have two questions for you. Does the character Wildmutt actually talk and does Ben have a mom and dad?

Jack Corsentino, age 6
Weston, Connecticut

Wildmutt does talk, but hardly anyone understands him (I can't, for sure)! We haven't seen whether Ben has a mom or dad because he's been on a long vacation with his grandfather and cousin. I'm as curious as you are!
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY JACK CORSENTINO

Dear Johnny DC,

After reading CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK #3, I have to remind myself not to have Coop cut the grass on my lawn. The results were as expected, considering Coop used spare parts from Megas XLR.

I also read the CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR story, "Operation T.R.I.K.E." I was careful not to give away the secret plot to anyone, since I knew I was dealing with highly classified information about Numbuh Two.

I noticed that Phil Moy did the art for the SAMURAI JACK story. I have many POWERPUFF GIRLS comics for which Phil was the artist. He is one of my favorite Cartoon Network comic book artists. (Joe Staton and Robert Pope are my absolute favorite artists. I think I always will be reading SCOOBY-DOO comics.)

I had no idea "Man of Action" was really four creative guys. I learned a lot from Johnny DC's interview at the end of issue #3. I'm curious about the clue about Grandpa Max. I really want to know more about his incredible past. I also plan on watching more episodes to see if I can figure out what he has to do with "plumbers."

P.S. I need a new printer for my computer.

Allen Klingelhoets
Barron, Wisconsin

Don't worry, Allen, your handwriting's fine. I can read letters in pen, pencil, and crayon!
— Johnny DC

ACTION READERS'
ART PACK

And now, this is the part of the page where the readers show their stuff. I never know what's coming next (which could be a good thing)! This month, Jill Fate, age 11, from Jensen Beach, Florida draws a pack of heroic sisters.

"MOONFIRE" BY JILL FATE

"NEONFIRE" BY JILL FATE

"GRASSFIRE" BY JILL FATE

"HAWKFIRE" BY JILL FATE

"TORNFIRE" BY JILL FATE

See you next month, with more comics, letters, and drawings! Join the action pack — write Johnny DC!

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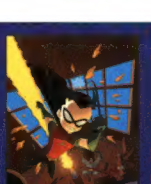
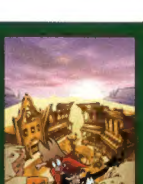


THE BATMAN STRIKES! #29
Introducing Robin! What happens when he must join forces with Batgirl without Batman at his side?

CARTOON NETWORK BLOCK PARTY #29
The Bean Scouts want to win the Bullfrog Races, but their contestant is out of shape! Plus Puffy AmiYumi and Johnny Bravo!

JUSTICE LEAGUE UNLIMITED #29
B'wana Beast's "King of the Jungle" attitude is rubbing Superman the wrong way. Can Animal Man play peacemaker?

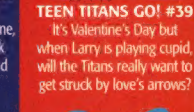


LOONEY TUNES #146
Yosemite Sam and Daffy have Gold Fever!

CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK #9
Ben is faced with not just one, but many villains all week long! Also, Megas XLR and Samurai Jack!

TEEN TITANS GO! #39
It's Valentine's Day but when Larry is playing cupid, will the Titans really want to get struck by love's arrows?

SCOOBY-DOO #116
Mystery, Inc. faces an abominable snowman on the slopes of Italy. Plus, "Velma's World of Monsters!" !



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